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SUBJ: COMMENTS BY FONSECS OF HONDURAS AND EL SALVADOR

ABOUT FORTHCOMING BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS IN MEXICO.

1. FONSEC CESAR A. BATRES OF HONDURAS COMMENTED TO THE LOCAL PRESS UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN MEXICO CITY ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1973, THAT THE SOCCER GAME WHICH WAS THE IMMEDIATE OCCASION FOR THE OUTBREAK OF WAR BETWEEN EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS IN 1969 WAS ONLY AN INCIDENTAL CAUSE OF THE WAR, WHICH SHOULD NOT HAVE REACHED THE PROPORTIONS WHICH IT DID IN TERMS OF ITS CAUSES. HE ADDED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH EL SALVADOR WILL BE BASED UPON THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE XIII MEETING OF THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION OF THE OAS. HE COMMENTED THAT HIS NATIONS AGREED TO HOLD NEGOTIATIONS IN MEXICO BECAUSE IT IS RESPECTED THROUGHOUT CENTRAL AMERICA.

2. FONSEC MAURICIO ALFREDO BORGANOVO OF EL SALVADOR ALSO GRANTED AN INTERVIEW TO THE PRESS UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN MEXICO CITY ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1973. HE STATED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH HONDURAS WILL BE BASED UPON RESOLUTIONS OF THE XIII MEETING OF THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION OF THE
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OAS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HIS NATION WAS THE FIRST TO

BREAK RELATIONS UPON OUTBREAK OF THE 1969 WAR AND DECLINED
TO COMMENT ABOUT ITS CAUSES. ASKED ABOUT THE RESULTS OF
THE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS, HE SAID THAT IT IS BEST
NOT TO ANTICIPATE ANYTHING. HE CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT
HIS NATIONS AGREED TO HOLD NEGOTIATIONS IN MEXICO BECAUSE
IT ENJOYS THE SYMPATHY OF BOTH EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS.
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